

St. John the Baptist Church
Report to Commissions
Mark Dittman, Parish Business Administrator

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1. **Six-Month Financial Report.** In this weekend's bulletin (January 25/26) you will find a report on revenue and expense for the first six months of this fiscal year, July – December 2019. The details are in the report, but in summary, we are looking good! Our parishioners have shown their generous spirit to Sunday Giving, our OSMG Five Year campaign our parish school. And, our staff have been holding the line on expenses. We have six more months to go this fiscal year, but we can all be grateful for the generous spirit so many of you have shown! Thank you!
2. **Sunday Giving.** As you know, last fall we asked parishioners to make a pledge for their Sunday Giving in 2020. As of this writing we have received 498 response forms pledging a total of \$1,178,576. (Last year we received 471 response forms in total, pledging \$926,564.) 137 of those that pledged for 2020 did not make a pledge in 2019. While an analysis of prior year giving vs. pledges would be provide more information, this is very encouraging. Also encouraging is the fact that for the first two Sundays of January we exceeded our weekly budgeted income, thanks to your generosity! Thank you to all who pledged and who continue to give so generously to support our parish ministries and operations!
3. **Projects at St. John's.** The LED lighting retrofit for the Parish Center and School project is underway. The school is substantially complete; we are working with Stinson Electric to schedule the completion of the rest of our campus buildings. The Christmas overflow video and sound project was in place for the 4:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Parishioner and AV technician Jim Treat did a great job getting the camera and projector installed and working, and feedback I have heard has been very positive! The project calls for a retractable screen in St. Joseph's Hall and the removal of the current, built-in screen. Our staff and volunteers will be working with Jim to complete the project and enable us to use the projector and screen for future Masses and presentations in our social hall. Thank you Jim!
4. **The choir seating renovation** is underway and should be complete by the end of January. The cost for this project is being covered by designated gifts for this purpose. Thank you Jay Hunstiger, Pat Hinnenkamp, Steve Arndorfer, Jim O'Brien, Corey Ebbers and other parish volunteers who are enhancing our worship space with this project!

Thank you all for your reliance on prayer, your willingness to grow, and your generous spirit!
Enjoy winter in whatever way you can! Spring will come.

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